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Minutes for LPC and YSBAB  
November 18, 2013

Attending: Paula Plante, Chelsea Podolsky, Kim McTighe, Steve Langlais, Alandra Daniel and Alan Slobodien  
Guest: Melisa Luginbuhl

1. Chelsea provided an update on SSNAP (Students Seeking New Achievements Positively) a group focused on healthy decisions. SSNAP students decided to acknowledge eight alcohol sellers that passed VPD compliance checks conducted in June. The group felt it is important to recognize those sellers for complying with state laws regarding no sales to minors. The group baked cookies using RHS facilities and delivered the cookies to the alcohol sellers. SSNAP will coordinate training to the eight sellers that did not comply with state laws. The next SSNAP undertaking is the "brown bag swap" where selected alcohol sellers supply brown bags to be decorated with safety messaging by SSNAP students. This will take place close to the holiday season.
2. Those presented discussed and made decisions regarding two grants; the Local Prevention Council Grant and the Drug Free Communities Grant. Expenditures in both grants were coordinated to support parent education, student education, police compliance checks and support for KIDSAFE CT drop-in center staff and mentors. The spending breakdown for each grant is as follows: LPC Grant; \$1,000 for dissemination of educational materials to parents; \$2,445 to support KIDSAFE CT drop-in center and \$800 to support speakers for the RHS Junior and Senior seminars. Allocations from the Drug Free Communities grant are: media messaging \$982; \$1,750 to support speakers and \$2,000 for police compliance checks.
3. YSB Report was given as follows:
  - Oz Ramos, Youth Counselor, has been speaking at state wide school attendance conferences. He has highlighted his work focused on reducing chronic absenteeism of elementary aged youth. Over the past three years, Vernon Public Schools has witnessed a 50% reduction in chronic absenteeism in grades 1-5.
  - This past summer the YSB administered the summer nutrition program at four sites. A total of 6,229 lunches were served.
  - 24 high school aged youth were enrolled in the summer youth employment program. Kim McTighe coordinated the program that experienced great success.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm following item #3 discussion.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2014 - 2:15pm @ RHS Library**